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CHILDREN

OF

THREE YEARS OLD.

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FOR CHILDREN

OF THREE YEARS OLD.

HOW do you do, John?

I am well.

Is Jane well?

Yes, she is both well and
good.

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I am glad of that, for I love good girls and boys.

Put on your hat; we will go and take a walk; the dog may go with us.

Ann, come and milk the cows. Pray give me some milk; here is some; do you like it? Yes; give the dog some milk; see how he wags

I am glad to hear for I
have got a good one
Put on your hat, and will
go and take a walk, the dog
may go with us.
Ah, come and walk the
cow. I've give the horse
well; here is some of your
like is? Yes; give the dog
some milk; see how he wags

his tail. This is a pail to hold the milk.

See the birds; God gave them wings to fly in the air; they hop on the trees, and pick the buds with their beaks.

Look, there is a goose and some ducks in the pond;

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the milk.

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them wings to fly in the air;
they hop on the trees, and
pick the buds with their
beaks.

Look, there is a goose and
some ducks in the pond;

they can swim; many birds
can swim.

The dog can swim too;
jump in, Trim.

Now we will go home;
make haste, it is time to
dine.

Take off your hat and
cloak; your shoes are wet;
put on some dry shoes.

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can swim.

The dog can swim too ;
jump in, Tim.

Now we will go home ;
make haste, it is time to
dine.

Take off your hat and
cloak ; your shoes are wet ;
put on some dry shoes.

There is some dirt on
your hands; take some soap
and wash them; now wipe
them dry.

Pray give me some fish.

No, here is some foul, and
some bread, and some peas.

May I have some tart?

Yes, when you have ate

There is some dirt on
your hands; take some soap
and wash them; now wipe
them dry.
That is the way to keep
No dirt is kept from
coming out and to keep
My I have some more
for when you have no

what you have on your plate.

The dog has got a bone.

Poor Trim ; he likes a bone, he eats it all up.

Now go and play ; tofs the ball ; catch it ; Charles has got a new hoop ; and a stick to make it run ; and a

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plate.

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Poor Tim; he likes a
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Now go and play; take
the ball; catch it; Charles
has got a new hoop; and a
stick to make it run; and a

kite with a string to fly in
the air.

Here is the cat ; hark how
she sings.

No ; cats do not sing, they
pur.

How soft her coat is ; it is
fur ; it keeps her warm. Has
Trim got fur on him ?

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No; dogs have hair to keep them warm. Puffs can catch mice, and greatsrats.

Dogs bark; cats mew; cows low; birds sing; and mice squeak.

Get your doll; she has lost her shoe; here it is; put it on; comb her hair; now

put on her cap and her hat;
has she got a clean frock?

Yes, she has got a clean
frock, but she wants a pair
of new stays, can you give
me some cloth to make
them?

Ye, and when you have
made the stays, you may
make a muff. Here is a

put on his cap and his hat;
he the first a Christian;
For the first got a crown
rich, but the second a
of new have, and the third
the same cloth to make
them?
Ye, and when you have
made the first, you may
make a mill. There is a

piece of fur to make it of ; it is bear's skin ; sew it well. Hold up your head and sit still. You must stuff it with wool to keep the doll's hands warm. We will go and see the men mow the long grass. Take your fork and your rake, we will help to make the hay.

Toss it with the fork, and lay it in small heaps, when it is quite dry it will be put in the cart, and sent to the barn or the hay-loft.

How sweet it smells. See the men load the cart; the horses will draw home their food, for the time when there is no grass. c

Toss it with the fork, and
leave it in small pieces, when
it is quite dry it will be put
in the case and left to dry
barn or the kitchen.
How is it to be used?
The men took the oil, the
women with their hands their
food for the time when there
is no grain.

Do they not eat grafs all the year ?

Yes, dry grafs, which is hay ; in the cold months the grafs fades from the frost, but in the Spring, the sun warms the earth and makes it grow as you see. We must go home now ; do not walk

Do they not say all
the year?
Yes, they say, which is
hay: in the cold months the
grass fades from the field,
but in the spring, and the sun
warms the earth and makes
it grow as you see. We must
go home now: do not walk

so flow, run and jump, it
will do you good.

Pray boil some milk for
Jane and John. Fetch your
chairs.

Pray set me up; here is
the milk, with bread in it.
Thank you, Ann.

Take care; do not eat so

to flow, wait and jump, it

will do you good.

Try boil some milk for

Jane and John, fetch your

cans.

Try let me up; here is

the milk, with bread in it.

Thank you, Ann.

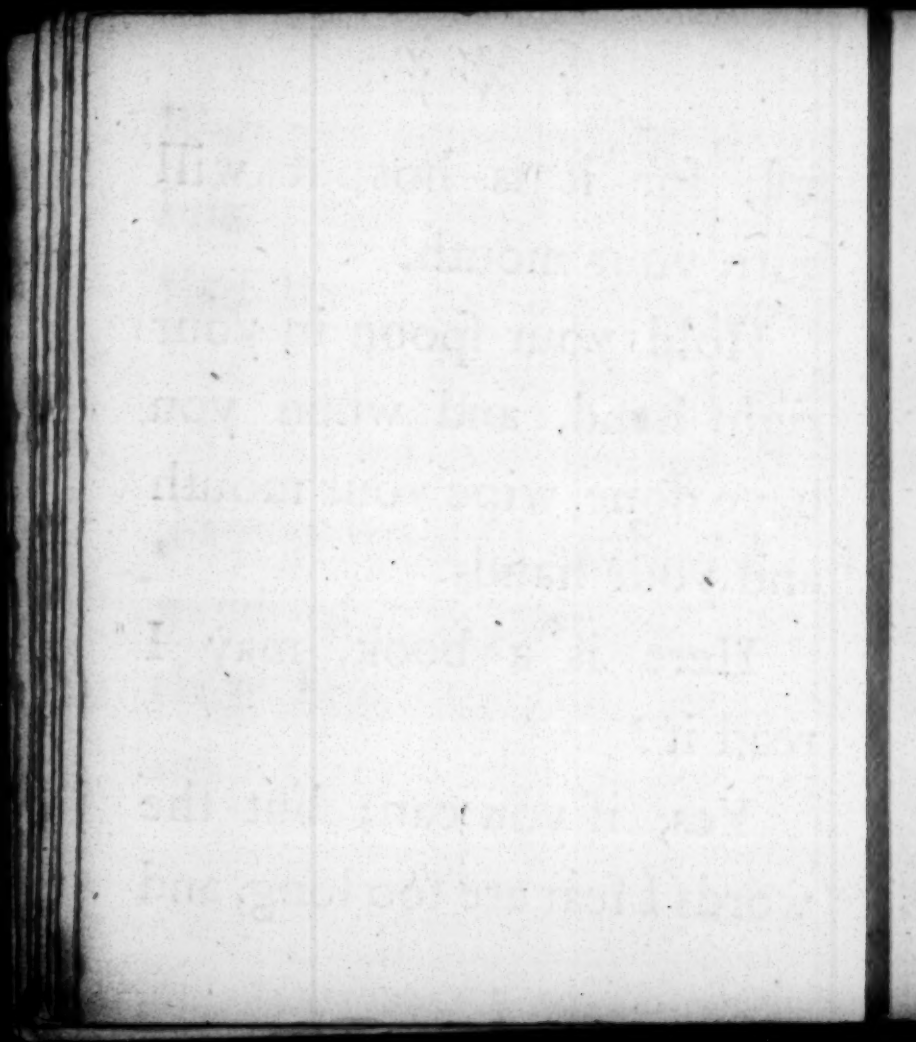
Take care; do not eat so

fast, for it is hot; it will burn your mouth.

Hold your spoon in your right hand, and when you have done, wipe your mouth and your hands.

Here is a book, may I read it?

Yes, if you can; but the words I fear are too long, and



too hard for you; we will buy a small book now; and when you can read, you shall have a great book; for I shall like to hear you read well.

I will try to learn to read, for I do not like to be a dunce, and boys and girls are dunces that do not learn to read.

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Do not take hold of that knife; you will cut your hand and then it will bleed.

I want to go to bed, if you please.

Ask the maid to take off your frock, your stays, and your shoes, and to put on your night cap and night gown. It is time to go to bed and

The not take hold of that
heart; you will cut your
hand and that I will bleed.
I want to go to bed, if you
please.
Ask the maid to take off
your shoes, your jacket, and
your shoes and to put on your
night cap and night gown.
It is time to go to bed and

to sleep ; good night.

What a fine day, see how the sun shines ; make haste to rise, too much sleep makes boys and girls dull ; they should go to bed soon, and rise at six, then they would hear the sweet birds sing. After you have had your milk, and read your book,

we will take a walk ; and if you are good I will give you some fruit. This is a pear ; see how red it is ; we must take off the skin. Eat this piece.

Where did you get this pear ?

It grew on a tree, and I took it off.

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What is this? It is a blue plum, and has a stone in it.

You may have two plums.

Will you eat them both?

No; I will keep one for John.

You are a good girl, to think of John.

What a large bunch of

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What is this? It is a

little book, and has a cover

of brown paper, and is

very small, and is

very old, and is

very valuable, and is

very interesting, and is

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grapes this is ; wine is made from the juice of grapes, and grapes grow upon vines.

John, I have got a new book for you ; come, read to me ; do you know this word ?

No ; spell it then, and I will tell you what it is.

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Pick up that pin for me
to point with.

You have read well ; do
not spoil your book ; put it
in your box, take the key
and lock it up.

I have lost the key.
Look for it then.

Here it is.

Pick up the pin for me

to point with

Your hand and will do

nothing for you

in your box take the key

and lock it

I have told the boy

look for it then

there it is

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You may go out now;
take your kite and fly it.

Hold the string, and run
fast; then the wind will
blow it up.

Do not let it fall on the
tree.

Look at the lambs; they
are young sheep; the old

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sheep take care of the lambs
till they are grown large.

Do not the lambs love the
old sheep for their care of
them when they were young?

Lambs have not so much
sense as girls and boys; but
they act as well as they can;
see how the poor lamb licks

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If they are grown large
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Lands have not to much
Sent as girls and boys but
they as well as they can
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its dam; that is to thank her
for her care.

What is that white stuff
on the backs of the sheep?

It is wool; it keeps them
warm.

Cloth is made of wool.

John, your coat is made
of wool.

Let us go and walk on

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the sea shore, to pick up stones and shells.

What is that large thing that moves on the sea?

It is a ship for men to sail in.

The ship has sails, which the wind blows, and that makes the ship go on.

There is a boat with some

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The ship has sails, which
It is a ship for men to sail
that moves on the sea?
What is that large thing
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men in it. There are no
sails to the boat.

What makes it move,
then?

The men row it.

How do they row it?

They have long oars,
which they move in the sea.

The boat is not near so
large as the ship.

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What are ships and boats made of ?

They are made of wood; men cut down large trees to make them of. That tall thing that stands up in the ship is a mast.

The men in the boat have got some nets and lines to catch fish; they will

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throw them into the sea, and
when they draw them back
will find fish in them.

See they have caught
some.

There are some foals, and
cod, and fee, that man has
got a crab.

I do not love to look at
crabs, for they crawl. They

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are in a shell, and have legs,
they can walk on dry land
as well as live in the sea.

Oh! I have found some
shells.

Here is a small fish in
one; the fish live in the
shells.

What has the cook got in
his hands?

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It is a piece of beef.
The cook will put the beef
in the pot, and make broth
of it.

There is a duck; the
cook has put it on the spit
to roast it.

There are some pease and
greens; he will boil them
too.

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What is this white stuff?

It is flour ; you will see the cook make some paste with it for a tart.

He has got some plumbs to put in the tart. Now the tart is made ; but it is not good to eat, yet ; the cook must bake it ; then the white

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What is this white stuff?
It is butter; you will see
the look make some balls
with it for a tart.
He has got some plums
to put in the tart. Now the
tart is made; but it is not
good to eat, yet the look
will make it, then the white

paste will turn brown, and
it will be a hard crust.

Bread is made of flour.

What is flour made of?

Of corn.

What sort of corn?

White bread is made of
wheat.

The corn is ground with
large stones in a mill, which

brings out the white flour
that is in the corn.

It is Spring now; the
trees have got new leaves.

How green they are.

See there is a bird's nest
in this tree, with some young

being the white
that is in the

it is spring now
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How green they are
See there is a bird's nest
in this tree with some young

birds in it. They can-not fly yet, so they lye in the nest, and the old bird sits on them, and keeps them warm with her wings. When they want to eat, she goes to pick up some food for them, and brings it in her bill to her young ones.

John, will you go and dig

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dig now? Where is your spade? Here it is; now dig; push down the spade with your foot; turn up the earth; now plant this young tree; put the roots in the ground. It will grow; when it has grown a long time, it will be as tall as that tall oak.

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How cold it is to-day ;
the grass is quite white with
frost.

You must run fast to make
you warm.

The trees have lost their
leaves.

When will they have new
leaves ?

In the spring ; then it will

How cold it is to-day
The green & grape vines with
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You must not let to make
you warm
The trees have lost their
leaves
When will they have new
leaves?
In the spring; then it will

be warm, and small green buds will come out on the trees; when the buds are large, they will burst, and spread into small leaves, which will soon grow to be large leaves.

I shall like to see the new leaves on the trees. Then we shall hear the birds sing.

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The frost has made the trees white like the grass; see here is a large branch which the wind has blown off last night; and there is a tree that is torn out of the ground; look what large roots it has!

What is the use of the roots?

They serve to keep the tree in the ground; but the wind has been so strong, that the roots could not keep it in the ground, so the tree fell down.

What must be done now with the tree; can we plant it?

No, some men will come

and take off the bark; then they will chop off the boughs with an axe; and they will saw the trunk, and make boards of it, or beams for the roof of a house.

What will they do with the boards?

They make the floors of rooms with them.

What sort of tree is it?

It is a fir tree.

Look at the pond; here is ice in it; it is quite hard; you may slide on it, John.

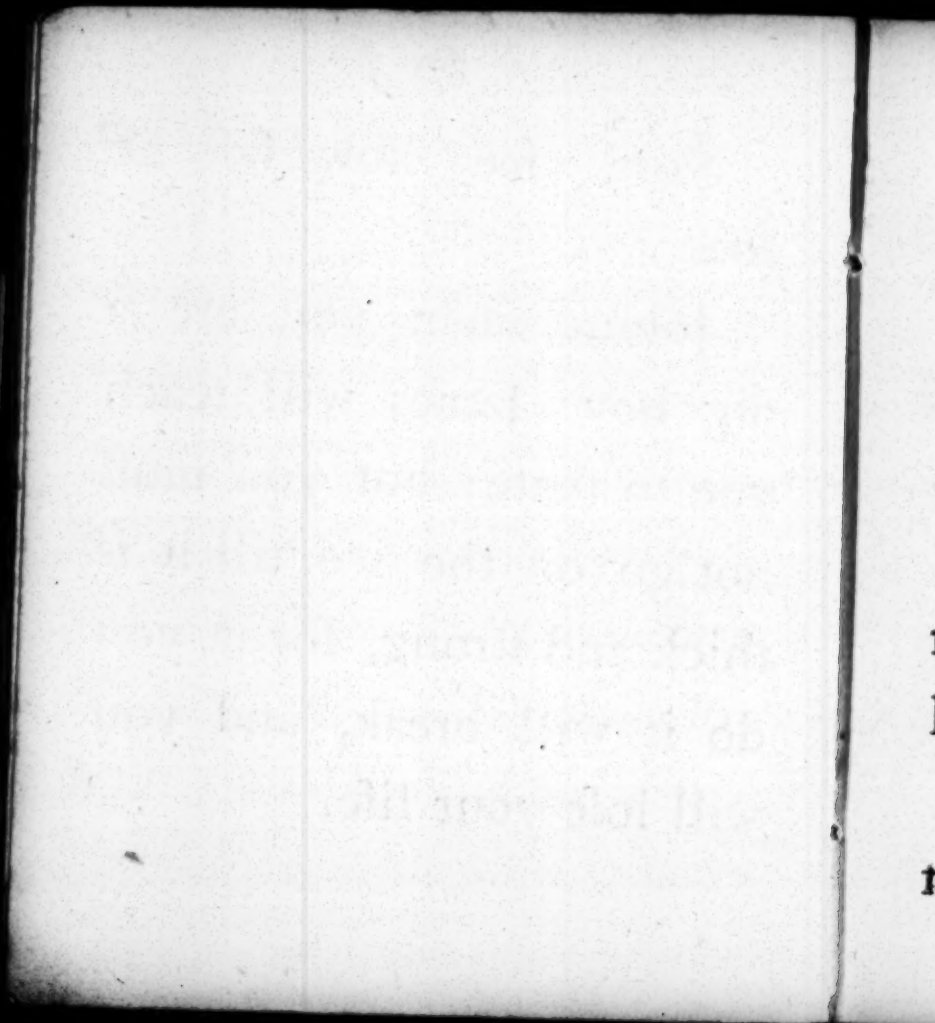
What has James got in his hands?

They are skates; he will put them on his feet, and then skate on the ice.

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Now, see how fast he goes.

John, when you are a big boy, James will teach you to skate; but you must not go on the ice 'till it is thick and strong, for if you do it will break, and you will lose your life.

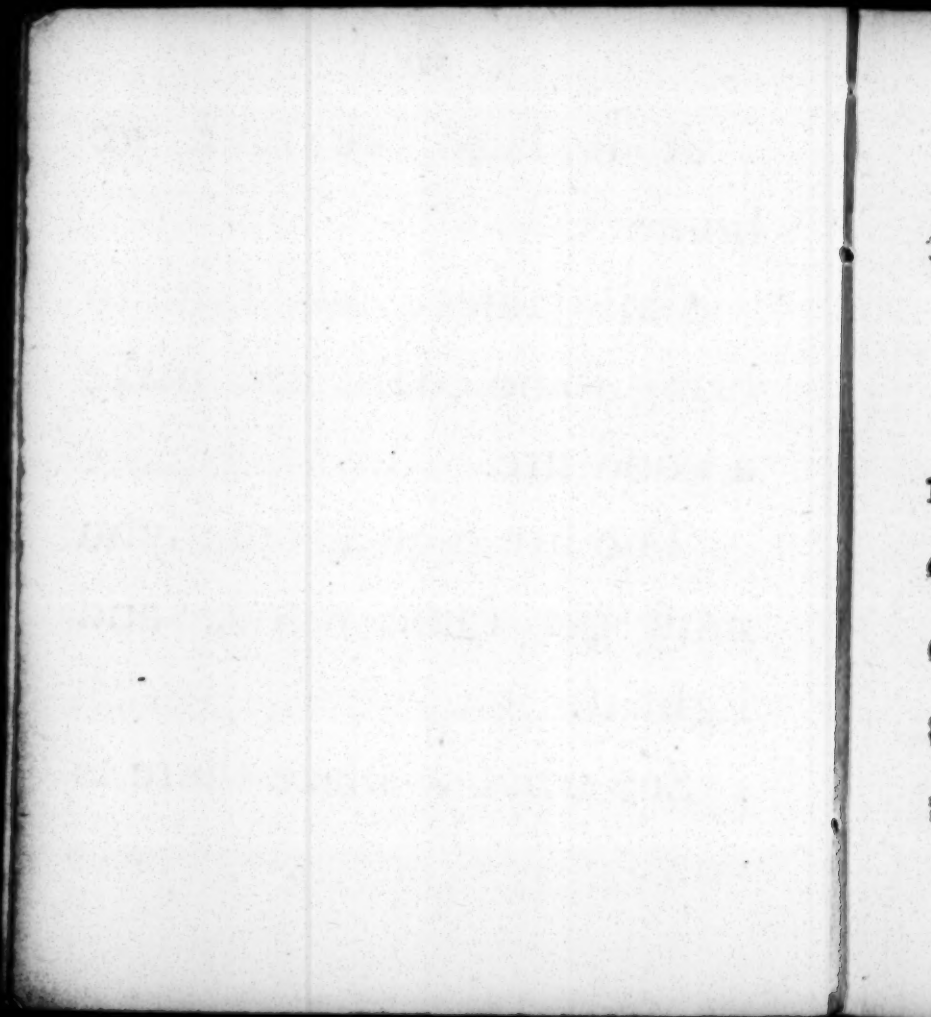


It is late, we must go home

Call James ; tell him to bring some coals, and make a good fire.

The fire is quite out ; you must get some wood, and light it.

See what a blaze there is now.



Where do coals come from, Mama?

Out of the earth.

It is found in deep pits ; men go down in the pits, and dig out the coals ; then the coals are drawn up in tubs, and put into carts, which take them away to be sold.

Will you be so good as to

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buy me a new book, for I wish to learn to read books that have long words.

You are right, we will go and buy the next part of this book, and in time you will read as well as a good girl and a good boy ought to do.

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